

REMARKS

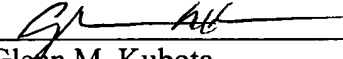
Claims 25-49 are pending in this application. Claims 1-24 are canceled by this amendment. Claims 25-49 are added by this amendment. No new matter was added. Amendments have been made to conform the specification to U.S. patent law and to delete the multiple dependency and reference numerals in the claims.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. Consideration of the application and allowance of the claims at an early date is respectfully requested. If, for any reason, the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned attorney.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 480052000600

Respectfully submitted,

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